

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: But then, I will make an experimental suit. (*Laughter.*)

Now, it is very gratifying to find that the supply has come as far as Monkompū, the native place of the ex-Chief Secretary. Then if the supply is further extended to a distance of 12 more miles to another place, which again is a place of another ex-Chief Secretary, the place being Muttam, it would be a useful scheme for the people and places between those places. As for electric supply to the latter place, there is the possibility of taking it from Mavelikara line. It will benefit the paddy fields in Kuttanad and Karthikapally punja about 50,000 acres in all.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know who that the ex-Chief Secretary is? Sir, reference was made about two ex-Chief Secretaries. I want to know who the second ex-Chief Secretary referred to is?

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: If the honourable member who has been in the Council for the past 8 years could not know about the person referred to, I am sorry I cannot enlighten him.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: But I do not know who the person is. Will the honourable member enlighten me?

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: But my honourable friend did not put me the question first.

Therefore, I once again invite the attention of the department to extend the supply to Thalavadi and to connect the Monkompū line to Mavelikara-power station, so that a large area of fields in between may get supply of power for cultivation purposes. With these remarks I support the demand.

The House adjourned for lunch at 2 P. M. and reassembled at 3 P. M. with the Dewan-President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBER.

The following member took the oath and signed the rolls:

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government.*)

Rajyasevapravina K. P. Padmanabha Menon: Sir, I would confine my remarks to three major items which have been the subject of discussion on the floor of this House. The first relates to the charges levied for the supply of energy for irrigation purposes. A reference to page 7 of the administration report for 1118 would show that the rate for agricultural purposes was reduced from what it was originally one anna to .75 of an anna with effect from 1118. This is decidedly lower than the charges levied for industries consuming similar amount of energy. The reason why a special concession was shown for agricultural purposes was to